## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten Abstract:

A Disclosed is a digital private key storage means containing a user's digital private key; a cryptographic engine; a communications port for receiving digital data from an external device, and for transmitting data to said the external device; a trusted display means for displaying said the received digital data; a user operable input means connected to said the cryptographic engine to indicate when operated, a users by said user their approval of said the displayed received digital data; wherein said the cryptographic engine is trusted to only apply said the user's digital private key to sign received data only if said the user operable input means is operated, and to communicate transmit said the signed data externally external of said the digital private key protection device. This arrangement secures the user's digital private key from end point attacks by trojan horse programs by virtue of the fact thatsince the private key can only be accessed via the user operable input means which cannot be circumvented by software control and prevents the user from being tricked into signing one document when he believes he is signing another.